## **CLAIMS**

1. A compound of formula (I),

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^4 \\
R^5 \\
R^6
\end{array}$$
 $R^2$ 
 $R^3$ 
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 $R^4$ 

the N-oxide forms, the addition salts and the stereo-chemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

10 n is 0, 1 or 2;

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X is N or CR<sup>7</sup>, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen or taken together with R<sup>1</sup> may form a bivalent radical of formula -CH=CH-CH=CH-;

15  $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or thienyl;

 $R^2$  is hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkynyl or taken together with  $R^3$  may form =O;

R<sup>3</sup> is a radical selected from

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$$-(CH_2)_s$$
-  $NR^8R^9$  (a-1),  
-O-H (a-2),  
-O- $R^{10}$  (a-3),  
-S-  $R^{11}$  (a-4), or  
— $C\equiv N$  (a-5),

wherein

s is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$$\begin{split} R^8 \text{ is -CHO, } C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \text{ hydroxy} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ carbonyl,} \\ \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl)\text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ oxy} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ carbonylamino} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \\ \text{piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \text{ piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ aminocarbonyl, } C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ oxy,} \end{split}$$

thienyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, pyrrolyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $R^9$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$$\begin{split} R^{10} \text{ is } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}, C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylcarbonyl or } \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}) \text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}; \text{ and } \\ R^{11} \text{ is } \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}) \text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}; \end{split}$$

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

$$-(CH_2)_t$$
-Z- (b-1),

5 wherein

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t is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

HN 
$$R^{12}$$
 HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  (c-4)

10  $R^{12} \qquad HN \qquad NH \qquad R^{12} \qquad R^{12} \qquad R^{12}$ 

$$R^{13}$$
 $R^{12}$ 
 $R^{12}$ 

wherein each  $R^{12}$  independently is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,

$$-C_{1-6}$$
alkanediyl $-N$ ,  $-C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $N$ O

 $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino, di(phenyl $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkenyl), piperidinyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3\text{-}10}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{3\text{-}10}$ cycloalkyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkenyl, morpholino,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino; and each  $R^{13}$  independently is hydrogen, piperidinyl or aryl;

 $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl; or

when R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are on adjacent positions they may taken together form a bivalent radical of formula

-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O (d-1),  
-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-O- (d-2),  
-CH=CH-CH=CH- (d-3), or  
-NH-C(O)-NR<sup>14</sup>=CH- (d-4),  
wherein R<sup>14</sup> is 
$$C_{1-6}$$
alkyl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

with the proviso that when

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n is 0, X is N,  $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $R^2$  is hydrogen,  $R^3$  is a group of formula (b-1), t is 0, Z is the heterocyclic ring system (c-2) wherein said heterocyclic ring system Z is attached to the rest of the molecule with a nitrogen atom, and  $R^{12}$  is hydrogen; then at least one of the substituents  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  or  $R^6$  is other than hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy.

- A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein
  n is 0 or 1; X is N or CR<sup>7</sup>, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen; R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen;
   R<sup>3</sup> is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-2) or is group of formula (b-1); s is 0, 1 or 2;
  R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; t is 0, 1 or 2; Z is a
  heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1), (c-2), (c-3), (c-4), (c-5) or (c-11); each
  R<sup>12</sup> independently is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; each R<sup>13</sup>
  independently is hydrogen; and R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently selected from
  hydrogen, halo or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.
- 3. A compound according to claim 1 and 2 wherein
  n is 0 or 1; X is N; R¹ is C₁-6alkyl; R² is hydrogen; R³ is a radical of formula (a-1)
  or is a group of formula (b-1); s is 0; R³ is arylC₁-6alkyl(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl;
  30 t is 0; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1) or (c-2); each R¹² independently is hydrogen or C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkylamino; each R¹³ independently is hydrogen; and R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen or halo.
- 4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 and 3 selected from compound No 5, compound No 9, compound No 2 and compound No 1.

compound 5

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- 5. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 for use as a medicine.
- 5 6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 4.
- 7. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 4 are intimately mixed.
  - 8. Use of a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a PARP mediated disorder, wherein said compound is a compound of formula (I)

the N-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

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-  $NR^8R^9$  (a-1),  
-O-H (a-2),  
-O-R<sup>10</sup> (a-3),  
-S-  $R^{11}$  (a-4), or

—C≡N (a-5),

wherein

s is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$$\begin{split} R^8 \text{ is -CHO, } C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \text{ hydroxy} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ carbonyl,} \\ \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl)\text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ oxy} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ carbonylamino} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \\ \text{piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, \text{ piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ amino} \text{ carbonyl,} C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ oxy,} \end{split}$$

thienylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, pyrrolylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

haloindozolylpiperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or

arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

25  $R^{10}$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^{11}$  is di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

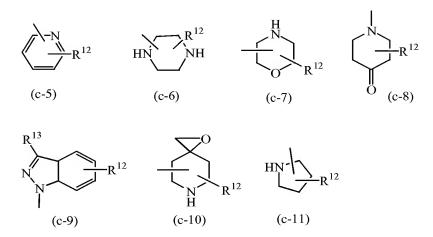
$$-(CH_2)_t-Z-$$
 (b-1),

wherein

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Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

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 HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  (c-4)



5 wherein each R<sup>12</sup> independently is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,

$$-C_{1-6}$$
alkanediyl $-N$ 
 $-C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $N$ 
 $O$ 

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(phenylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl), piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, morpholino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; and each R<sup>13</sup> independently is hydrogen, piperidinyl or aryl;

 $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl; or

when R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are on adjacent positions they may taken together form a bivalent radical of formula

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aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy.

9. Use according to claim 8 of a PARP inhibitor of formula (I) for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a PARP-1 mediated disorder.

- 10. Use according to claim 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves chemosensitization.
- 11. Use according to claims 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves radiosensitization.

12. A combination of a compound of formula (I) with a chemotherapeutic agent

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{4} \\ R^{5} \\ R^{6} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} R^{2} \\ (CH_{2})_{n} \\ X \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} H \\ I \\ N \\ \end{array} \qquad \qquad (I)$$

the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

n is 0, 1 or 2;

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 $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or thienyl;

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 $R^2$  is hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkynyl or taken together with  $R^3$  may form =0;

R<sup>3</sup> is a radical selected from

$$-(CH2)S-NR8R9 (a-1),$$
25 -O-H (a-2),  
-O-R<sup>10</sup> (a-3),  
-S- R<sup>11</sup> (a-4), or  
—C=N (a-5),

wherein

30 s is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

 $R^8$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are each independently selected from –CHO,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylcarbonyl, amino,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino,

$$\label{eq:control_calkyl} \begin{split} &\text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\ C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyloxycarbonyl},\ C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkylcarbonylamino}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\\ &\text{piperidinyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkylaminocarbonyl},\ piperidinyl,\ piperidinyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\\ &\text{piperidinyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkylaminocarbonyl},\ C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyloxy},\ thienyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\\ &\text{pyrrolyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\ arylC_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkylpiperidinyl},\ arylcarbonyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\\ &\text{arylcarbonylpiperidinyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\ haloindozolylpiperidinyl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl},\ or\\ &\text{aryl}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl}(C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}C_{1\text{-}6}\text{alkyl};\ and \end{aligned}$$

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

$$-(CH_2)_t$$
-Z- (b-1),

10 wherein

t is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

HN 
$$R^{12}$$
 HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  HN  $R^{12}$  (c-4)

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$$R^{12}$$
 HN NH  $R^{12}$   $R^{12}$ 

$$R^{13}$$
 $R^{12}$ 
 $R^{12}$ 

wherein each R<sup>12</sup> independently is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, amino,

$$-C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkanediyl} -N \\ \text{hydroxy, aryl,} \\ -C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkanediyl} \\ O$$

 $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, di(phenyl $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkenyl), piperidinyl, piperidinyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,

 $C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy) $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, haloindazolyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino, morpholino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino;

each R<sup>13</sup> independently is hydrogen, piperidinyl or aryl;

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 $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy, amino, amino $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl)amino, di( $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy or  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, or  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy, or amino $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy; or

when R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are on adjacent positions they may taken together form a bivalent radical of formula

-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O (d-1),  
-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-O- (d-2),  
15 -CH=CH-CH=CH- (d-3), or  
-NH-C(O)-NR<sup>14</sup>=CH- (d-4),  
wherein R<sup>14</sup> is 
$$C_{1-6}$$
alkyl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy.

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13. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by a) the hydrolysis of intermediates of formula (VIII), according to art-known methods, by submitting the intermediates of formula (VIII) to appropriate reagents, such as, tinchloride, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid, in the presence of a reaction inert solvent, e.g. tetrahydrofuran.

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b) the cyclization of intermediates of formula (X), according to art-known cyclizing procedures into compounds of formula (I) wherein X is CH, herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-j), preferably in the presence of a suitable Lewis Acid, e.g. aluminum chloride either neat or in a suitable solvent such as, for example, an

aromatic hydrocarbon, e.g. benzene, chlorobenzene, methylbenzene and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons, e.g. trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane and the like; an ether, e.g. tetrahydrofuran, 1,4-dioxane and the like or mixtures of such solvents.

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$$R^{4} \longrightarrow R^{2} \longrightarrow R^{3} \longrightarrow R^{6} \longrightarrow R^$$

c) the condensation of an appropriate ortho-benzenediamine of formula (XI) with an ester of formula (XII) wherein R<sup>h</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, into compounds of formula (I), wherein X is N, herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-i), in the presence of a carboxylic acid, e.g. acetic acid and the like, a mineral acid such as, for example hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, or a sulfonic acid such as, for example, methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid and the like.

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